THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The targets set for the production of foodgrains for 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were 200.00, 204.00 and 210.00 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The achievements accomplished during 1997-98 and 1998-99 were 192.43 and 202.54 million tonnes respectively.

(c) According to advance estimates, the production of kharif foodgrains during 1999-2000 is likely to be 102.70 million tonnes. Rabi foodgrains crops are still in sowing stages. Its prospects are tracked sometimes in the month of January every year.

(d) to increase production and productivity of agriculture crops, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System area, Accelerated Maze Development programme, National Pulses Development Project, Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Special Jute Development Programme and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System. Under these programme/projects, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation, improved farm implements. Besides, field demonstration of farmers' holding including training of farmers and farm labourers are organised for effective transfer of technology.

Integrated Co-operative Development Programme

1553. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally-sponsored Integrated Cooperative Development Programme is being implemented in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of areas covered under the programme so far; and

(c) the number of people benefited under the programme in those areas so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed (see below)

(c) About 3.71 lakh members of 2,800 primary cooperative societies in agriculture, allied and non-farm sectors will be benefited under the programme

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	District	Project Cost	Status
Assam	Nagaon	346.67	Completed
	Hailakandi	1121.57	Ongoing
	Cachar	1295.08	Ongoing
Manipur-	Mishanpur	201.93	Completed
	Churachandpur	188.43	Completed
	Thoubal	412.71	Completed
Meghalaya	E. Khasi Hills	181.98	Completed
	Jaintia Hills W.	361.84	Completed
	Garo Hills	703.03	Ongoing
Mizoram	Aizwal	355.31	Ongoing
	Chimmtuipui	171.17	Ongoing
	Lunglei	409.50	Ongoing
Nagaland	Kohima	250.11	Completed
	Mokokchung	208.56	Completed
	Wokha	598.33	Ongoing
Tripura	W. Triputa	310.78	Completed

Financial Assistance to Co-operative Societies

1554. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) the details of cooperative societies functioning at present in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in Assam;